

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 15, 2002
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman	*Duncan Miller, Paradise Valley
Adrian Williamson, Avondale	*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
*Liz Zeller, Buckeye	Tom Ellsworth, Mesa
*Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	*Matt Holm, Maricopa County
David de la Torre, Chandler	Tim Bolton for Prisila Ferreira, Peoria
*Rodney Cobb, El Mirage	Tim Tilton, Phoenix
Denise Ruhling, Fountain Hills	**Shawney Ekadis for John Kross, Queen Creek
*Terry Yergan, Gila River Indian Community	Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
*Ralph Vasquez, Gila Bend	Scott Phillips, Surprise
**Kate Langford, Glendale	Mark Elma, Tempe
Janeen Hollomon, Goodyear	*Mark Fooks, Youngtown
*Mary Hoy, Guadalupe	Anne MacCracken, RPTA

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

**Participated via audioconference

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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

John Zupon, Chandler	T Michael Stump, Census Bureau, Washington
**Bob Pazera, Gilbert	T Tim Olson, Census Bureau, Washington
Chris Hagen-Hurly, Tolleson	Harry Wolfe, MAG
T Susan Lavin, Census Bureau, Denver	Rita Walton, MAG
T Jerry O'Donnell, Census Bureau, Denver	Kristie Leshinskie, MAG
T Mark Hellfritz, Census Bureau, Denver	Tom Remes, MAG
T Dennis Johnson, Census Bureau, Denver	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman George Pettit.

2. Call to the Audience

There were no requests from the audience to address the MAG POPTAC.

3. Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2002

It was moved by Harry Higgins, seconded by Denise Ruhling and unanimously recommended, with one abstention, to approve the meeting minutes of September 17, 2002.

4. Census 2000

Harry Wolfe provided an update on Census 2000 products. He noted that the Census Transportation Planning Package would be out by year end; and Summary File 4 would be released in April 2003.

Jerry O'Donnell clarified that the part one of the CTPP would be coming out by the end of the year, but the other sections would not be available until sometime after the first of the year. He also stated that

Harry Wolfe also distributed a table that identifies the Census Tracts within each place in the MAG area; and several tables from Census 2000, Summary File 3. These files included information on disabilities, poverty ratios, and travel to work.

Jerry O'Donnell reported that the Summary File 4, to be released in 2003, would provide more detailed information of tabulations reported in Summary File 3. For example, it will include income by race and ethnicity.

Harry Wolfe said that the deadline for filing a challenge to the Census 2000 count under the Count Question Resolution Program was September 2003. He noted that to date, Buckeye and Guadalupe had submitted challenges, but only Buckeye was successful.

5. Status of a 2005 Special Census

Harry Wolfe reported that in September MAG staff met again with Intergovernmental Coordinators to discuss a 2005 Special Census and potential alternatives to a Special Census including undertaking a survey for calculating 2005 population. He noted that the 2005 numbers could potentially be used for distributing state shared revenue. Mr. Wolfe estimated that a survey would cost about \$5 million compared with the \$30 million for a Special Census. He reviewed a table that identified the potential financial implications of cities pursuing a Special Census.

Harry Wolfe pointed out that the MAG Management Committee would be considering establishment of a Subcommittee to explore a 2005 Special Census and alternatives to a Special Census and that George Pettit would be chairing the subcommittee. He said that MAG staff would be supporting the subcommittee.

Bob Pazera asked what would happen if a jurisdiction first decided to pursue a Special Census and then changed its mind and decided to have a survey conducted. Harry Wolfe said that kind of issue would be address by the Management Committee Special Census Subcommittee.

George Pettit asked whether the Census Bureau would be able to simultaneously conduct a Special Census and a survey in the region in 2005. Susan Lavin said that the Bureau would need to keep each of the operations separate. She also acknowledged that running the two programs concurrently could create confusion.

6. Preparation of New MAG Socioeconomic Projections

On September 23, 2002 MAG staff forwarded to POPTAC members the website address that conveys the first draft socioeconomic projections for 2000, 2010, 2020, 2030, 2040 and buildout and requested comments by October 4, 2002. MAG staff will take the comments received and incorporate them into a second draft of the projections. These projections will be used as input for the Regional Transportation Plan. MAG staff will develop a set of projections for adoption by the MAG Regional Council in the spring of 2003. A status report will be provided.

7. July 1, 2002 Resident Population Updates for MAG Municipalities

Harry Wolfe explained that on September 17, 2002 the MAG POPTAC recommended approval of the July 1, 2002 Municipality Resident Population Updates for MAG member agencies. He indicated that in response to requests from MAG POPTAC members, MAG staff had provided tables identifying the number of units, occupancy rates and persons per occupied unit by unit type for 2000. He stated that these data were used in calculating the July 1, 2002 Municipality Resident Population Updates. He also mentioned that MAG had provided a comparison of the occupancy rates and persons per household derived from the 1995 Special Census. MAG staff will review the data and respond to questions from committee members.

8. GIS Day

Harry Wolfe reported that Geographic Information System (GIS) Day corresponds with the November 20, 2002 meeting of the MAG Management Committee. He said that this provided MAG and member agencies with an excellent opportunity to display our GIS products.

Mr. Wolfe noted that he had forwarded an e-mail requesting response to a survey regarding each member agency's GIS capabilities by October 15, 2002 and to date had not received a response. He requested that either POPTAC members fill out the survey or provide it to a GIS staff member or other staff person who can answer the survey questions.

Harry Wolfe also noted that he had requested that MAG POPTAC members or their GIS representative provide information on the types of GIS products that they wish to display by October 31, 2002.

Rita Walton emphasized that GIS day provided staff with an opportunity to showcase their GIS products for their bosses on the MAG Management Committee to see.

9. Next Meeting of MAG POPTAC

Harry Wolfe reported that the next meeting of the MAG POPTAC will be held Tuesday, November 19, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.